Policy for transfer of officers

†1653. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Director (Finance) and the General Manager (Finance) in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited who have been working on the same post and at the same place for the last five, seven and ten years respectively;

(b) whether any transfer policy has been framed in respect of such officers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when proper compliance of the transfer policy would be ensured in these two corporations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Posts of Directors (Finance) in the Public Sector Undertakings are considered Board level appointments and officers are appointed to these posts by Public Enterprises Selection Board/Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. As such, they are not covered by any transfer policy of the Department/Public Sector Undertaking. As regards posts of General Manager (Finance) and below, most of these are manned by the officers of Indian P&T Accounts and Finance Service. They are no deemed deputation to these Public Sector Undertakings (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited). No transfer policy has been framed for officers on deemed deputation to the Public Sector Undertakings.The Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited came into existence *w.e.f.* 01 -10-2000, and no General Manager (Finance) has completed 5 years in this Company. However, two officers in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited have completed total service of 5 years in the same post including the service rendered in the erstwhile Department of Telecom. Services/Department of Telecom. Operations. As regards MahanagarTelephone Nigam Limited, two General Manager (Finance) have completed 7 years and two General Managers (Finance) have completed 5 years on deemed deputation.

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(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Rise in it security breach

1654. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report, which appeared in the 'Asian Age', dated the 22nd May, 2002 under the caption, "It security breach on rise, survey";

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN):(a)Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c)The newsreport mentioned a study report rightly stressing the need for business organisations to appreciate the issue of information system security. Government has already taken steps in respect of its information system by appropriate technical, and procedural means. For the benefit of business organisations, Standardisation means. For the benefit of business organisations, Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate of this Ministry has launched an international certification scheme for Information Security Management System.

Increase in rental for commercial subscribers

1655. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MTNL has decided not to implement TRAI's decision of increasing monthly rental for commercial subscribers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the other recommendations made by TRAI for telephone users; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?